CHAPTER TWELVE **REVENGE**

HARVEY? IS THAT YOU?
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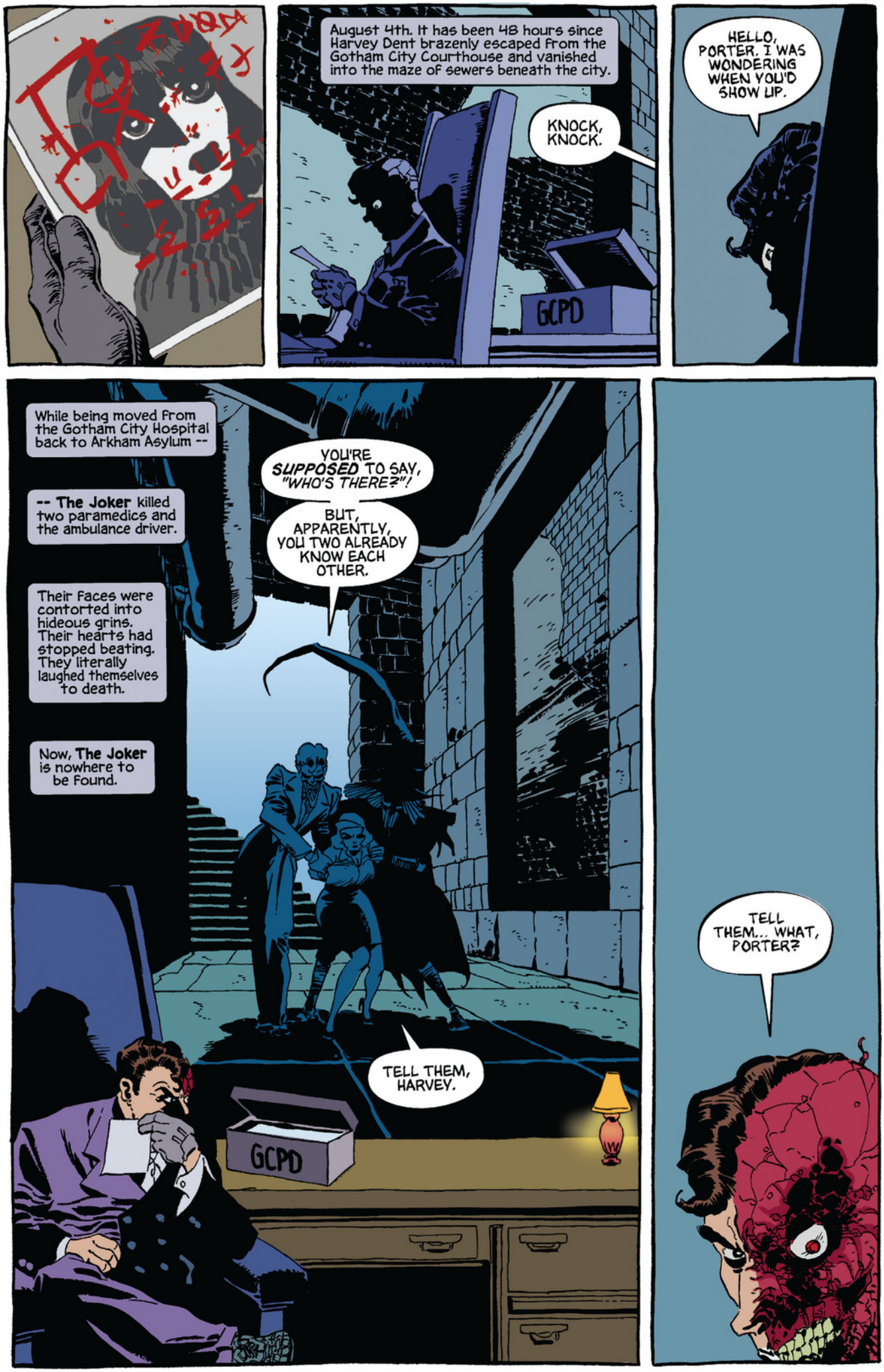
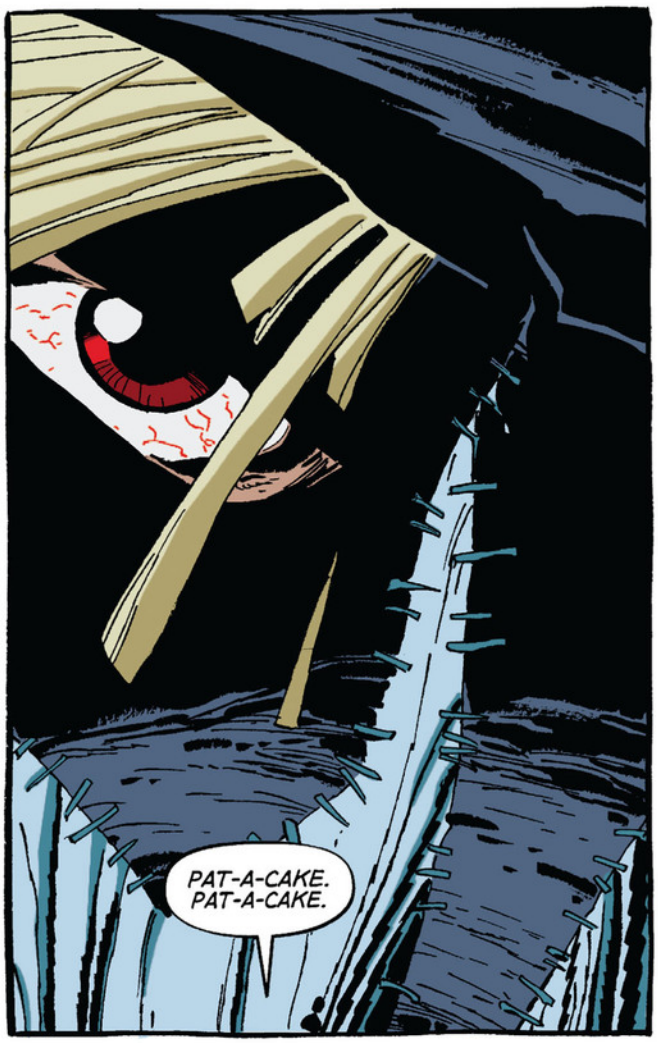
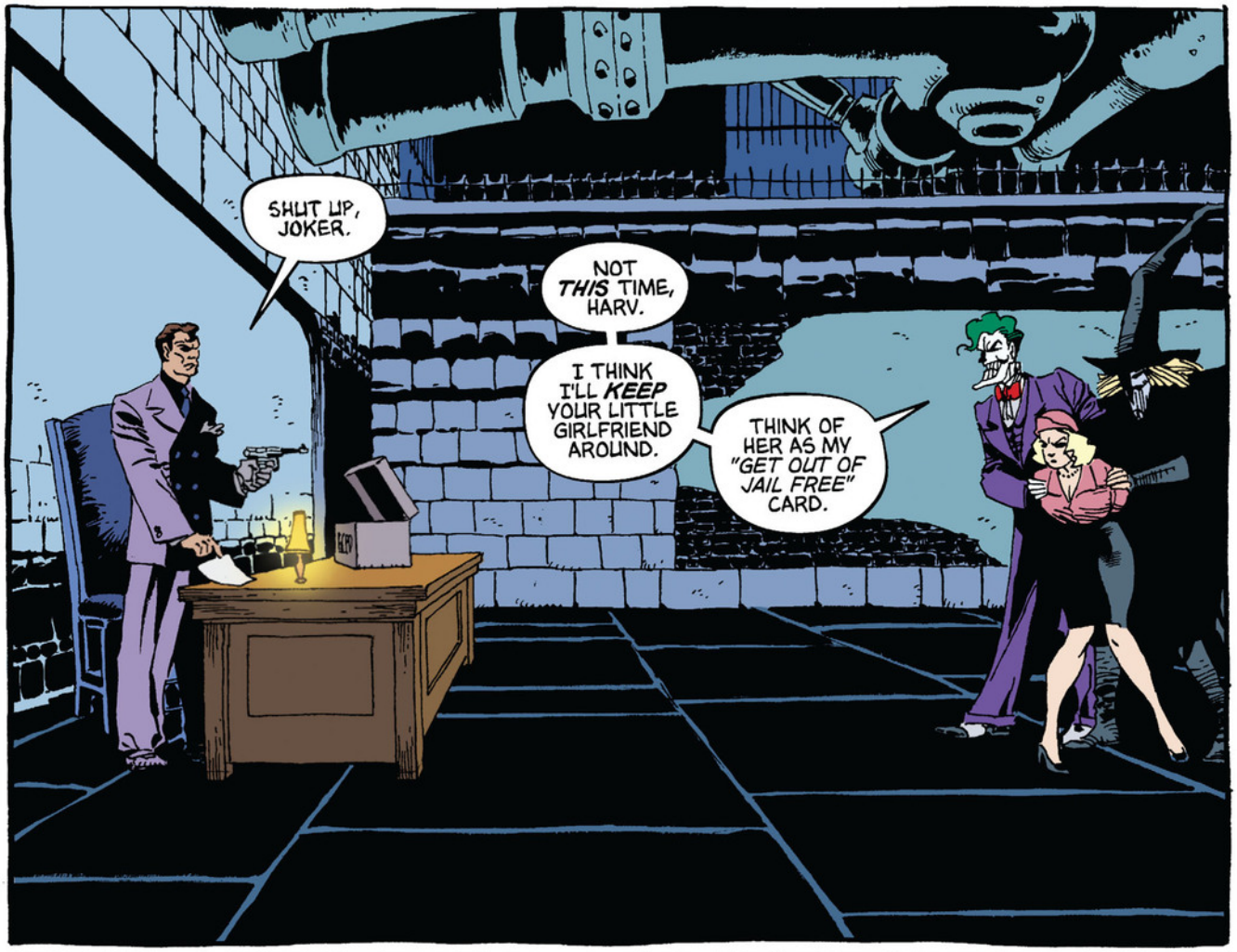
GUESS AGAIN.


August 4th. It has been 48 hours since Harvey Dent brazenly escaped from the Gotham City Courthouse and vanished into the maze of sewers beneath the city.
KNOCK, KNOCK.
GCPD
HELLO, PORTER. I WAS WONDERING WHEN YOU'D SHOW UP.
While being moved from the Gotham City Hospital back to Arkham Asylum --
-- **The Joker** killed two paramedics and the ambulance driver.
Their faces were contorted into hideous grins. Their hearts had stopped beating. They literally laughed themselves to death.
Now, **The Joker** is nowhere to be found.
YOU'RE *SUPPOSED* TO SAY, *"WHO'S THERE?"!*
BUT, APPARENTLY, YOU TWO ALREADY KNOW EACH OTHER.
TELL THEM, HARVEY.
GCPD
TELL THEM... WHAT, PORTER?

TELL THEM WHO I AM TO YOU!


PAT-A-CAKE. PAT-A-CAKE.

HAVE YOU BEEN PLAYING "PAT-A-CAKE" WITH THE NEW D.A., HARV?
WHEN THIS IS ALL DONE, WERE YOU PLANNING ON TURNING *US* OVER TO HER --
-- WHILE YOU GO OFF AND LIVE HAPPILY EVER AFTER?

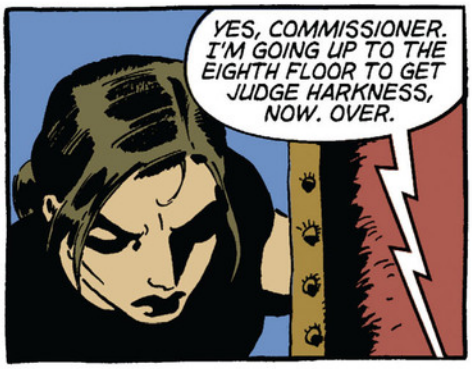

SHUT UP, JOKER.
NOT THIS TIME, HARV.
I THINK I'LL KEEP YOUR LITTLE GIRLFRIEND AROUND.
THINK OF HER AS MY "GET OUT OF JAIL FREE" CARD.

NO!
TELL THEM, HARVEY!
TELL THEM THAT I LOVE YOU AND YOU LOVE --

Heh-Heh.
ewwww...

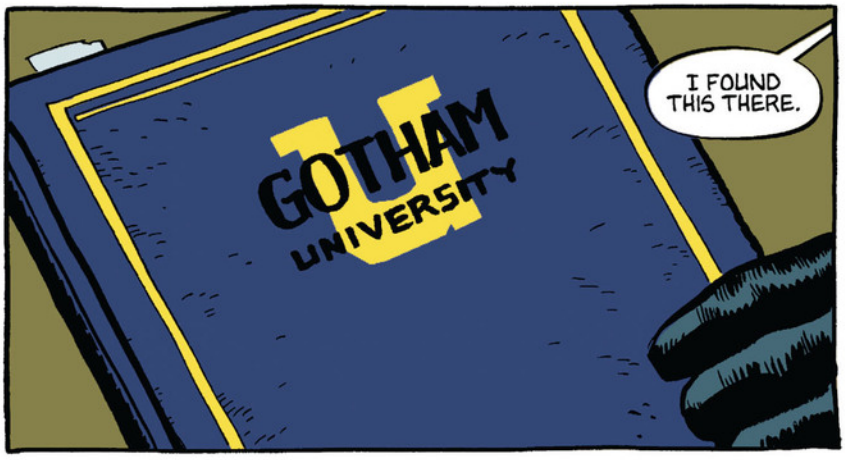
HARVEY DENT IS A MARRIED MAN, PORTER.
DON'T EVER FORGET THAT.
NOW, I WANT TO SEE THE CALENDAR MAN AND MR. FREEZE RIGHT AWAY...

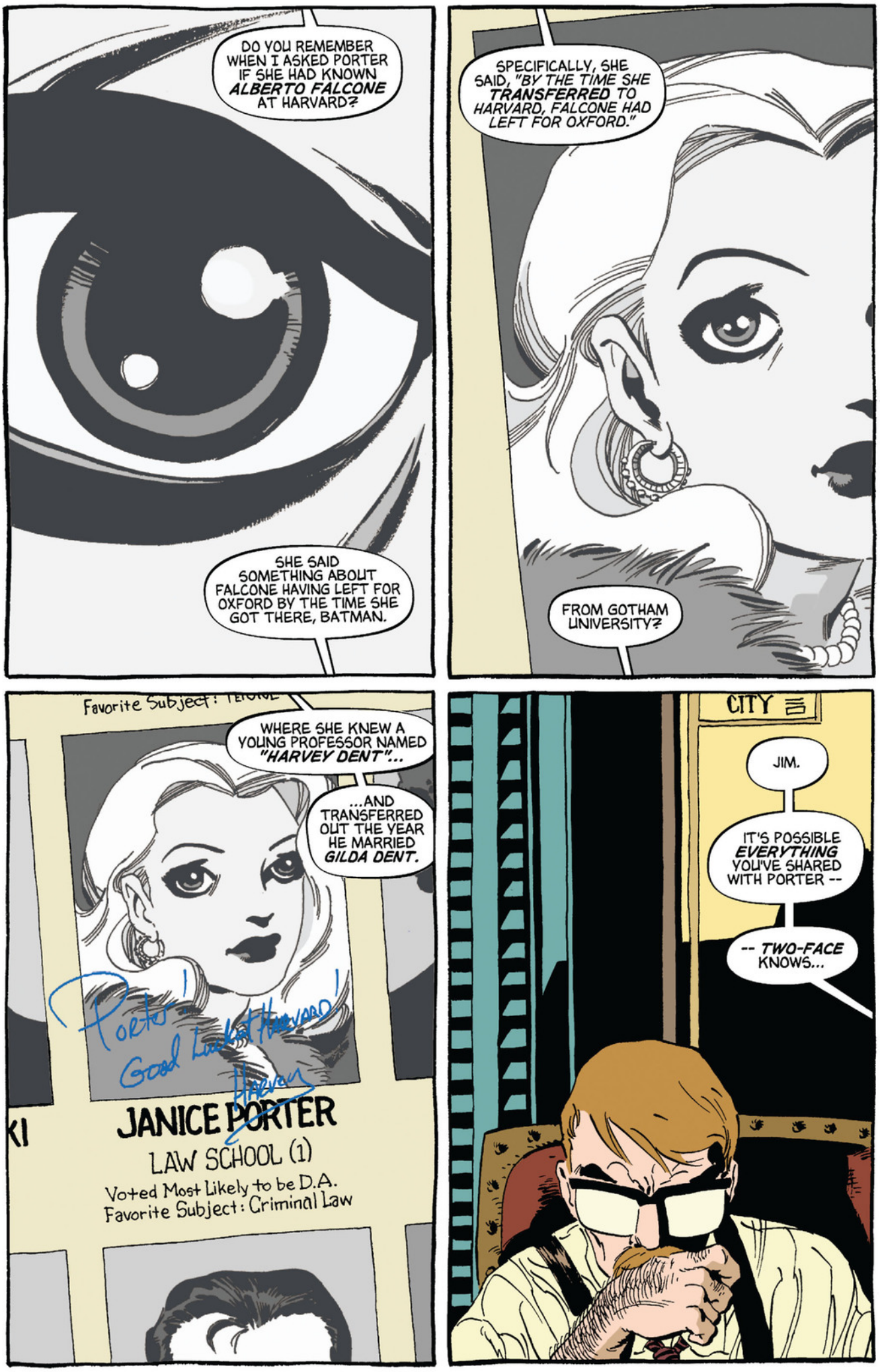
Two nights later. Commissioner Gordon's office.


YES, COMMISSIONER. I'M GOING UP TO THE EIGHTH FLOOR TO GET JUDGE HARKNESS, NOW. OVER.

THOSE WERE WILCOX'S LAST WORDS TO ME JUST BEFORE SHE WAS HANGED.
BUT, PURPOSELY OR NOT, SHE LEFT HER WALKIE-TALKIE ON. THE RADIO DISPATCHER MADE ME THIS TAPE. LISTEN.
ACK ...YOU...! GACK
...BUT... WE...
SHE DEFINITELY EITHER KNEW OR RECOGNIZED HER ATTACKER.
"BUT, WE..." IT'S NOT MUCH.
"BUT, WE THOUGHT YOU WERE DEAD"?
"BUT, WE --
HAVE A MUCH MORE IMMEDIATE PROBLEM.

JANICE PORTER IS MISSING.
HOW DO YOU --? NEVER MIND.
NO ONE AT HER OFFICE OR HER APARTMENT HAS SEEN HER FOR TWO DAYS.
YOU ENTERED HER APARTMENT?


GOTHAM UNIVERSITY
I FOUND THIS THERE.


DO YOU REMEMBER WHEN I ASKED PORTER IF SHE HAD KNOWN ALBERTO FALCONE AT HARVARD?
SHE SAID SOMETHING ABOUT FALCONE HAVING LEFT FOR OXFORD BY THE TIME SHE GOT THERE, BATMAN.
SPECIFICALLY, SHE SAID, "BY THE TIME SHE TRANSFERRED TO HARVARD, FALCONE HAD LEFT FOR OXFORD."
FROM GOTHAM UNIVERSITY?
WHERE SHE KNEW A YOUNG PROFESSOR NAMED "HARVEY DENT"...
...AND TRANSFERRED OUT THE YEAR HE MARRIED GILDA DENT.
Porter! Good Luck at Harvard!
JANICE PORTER
LAW SCHOOL (1)
Voted Most Likely to be D.A.
Favorite Subject: Criminal Law
CITY
JIM.
IT'S POSSIBLE EVERYTHING YOU'VE SHARED WITH PORTER --
-- TWO-FACE KNOWS...

Two weeks later.
Alberto Falcone's bedroom.
The Falcone Estate. Night.
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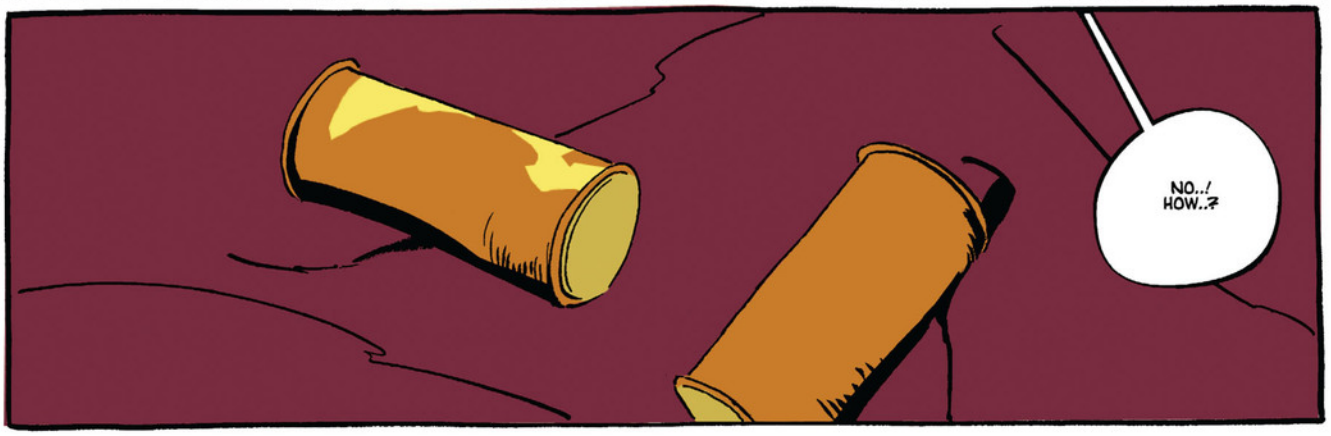
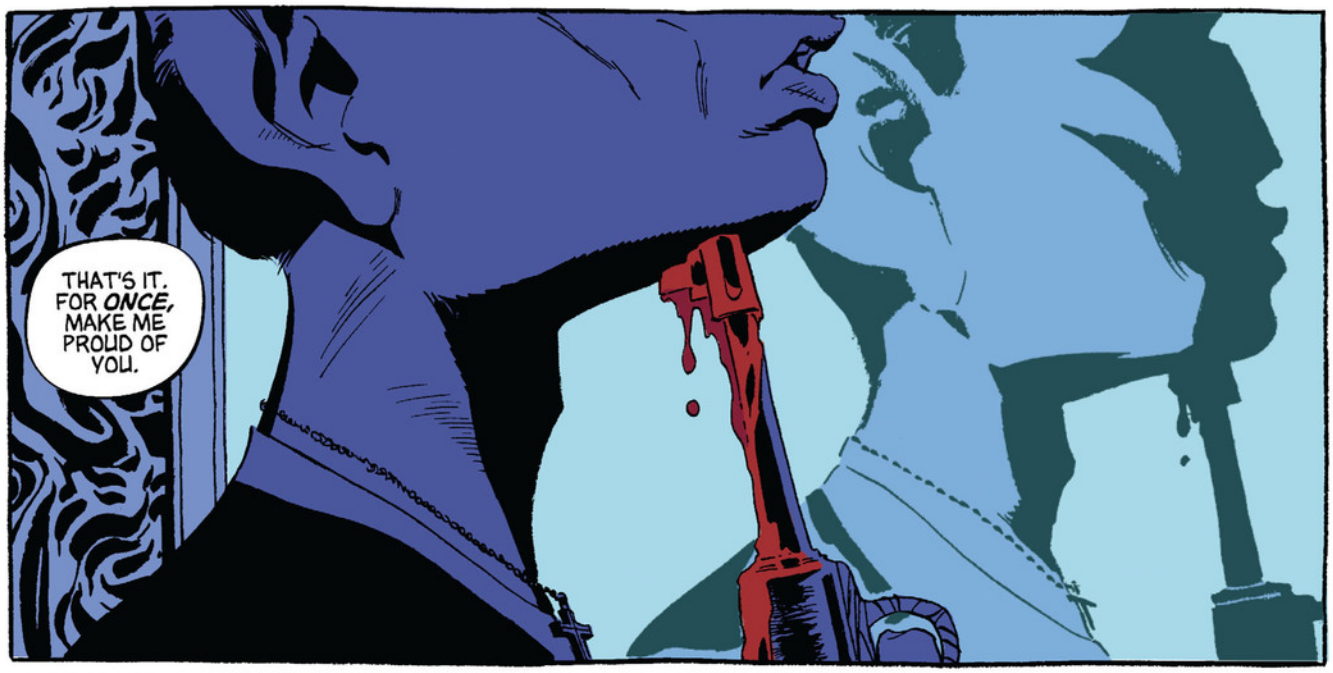
AHHH!

AHHH!
AHHH!
AHHHHHH!


NO..! HOW..?

YOU DISAPPOINTED ME.
POPPA?
I DIDN'T *KILL* THIS WOMAN. I --
THEY WON'T BELIEVE YOU.
THEY'LL SEE THE GUN.
THEY'LL *KNOW* IT WAS YOU.
WHAT -- WHAT SHOULD I DO?
IF YOU CAN'T USE THE GUN TO DESTROY YOUR ENEMIES...
...THEN, USE IT TO DESTROY *YOURSELF*.


THAT'S IT. FOR *ONCE*, MAKE ME PROUD OF YOU.

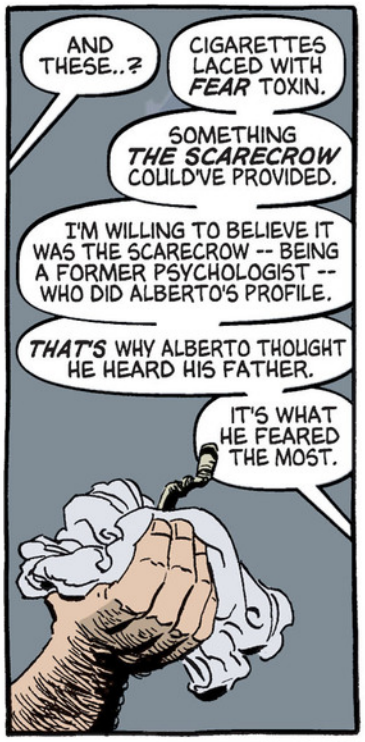
...SUICIDE..? MY FATHER WOULDN'T...

YOU ARE NOT MY FATHER!

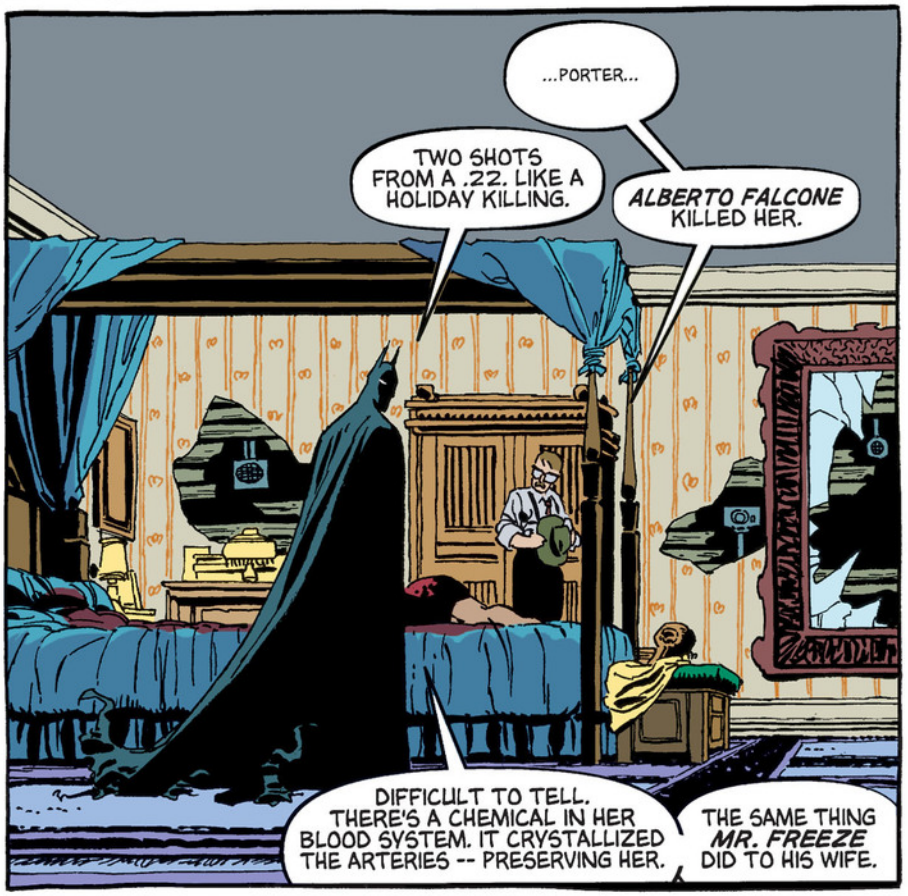
NO.
I'M NOT.
THE CALENDAR MAN IS BEING FORGOTTEN.
AND THAT IS UNACCEPTABLE.

Two hours later.
HE IS STILL ALIVE. BARELY.
HIS JAW HAS BEEN BROKEN TO KEEP HIM FROM TALKING.
ALBERTO CUT OFF HIS MONITORING BAND AND STRAPPED IT TO DAY'S LEG.
WHY?
SO THAT WE WOULD FIND HIM.
HE DID THIS ALL BY HIMSELF? FALCONE NEVER STRUCK ME AS THE *PHYSICAL* TYPE.
THAT SHOE PRINT IS ALBERTO'S SIZE.
THE *SOLE* AND *HEEL* ARE WORN ON THE LEFT SIDE WHICH HE FAVORS DUE TO HIS DAMAGED ARM.
AND HE'S *BLEEDING*. THERE IS A TRAIL LEADING ALL THE WAY BACK TO THE HOUSE.

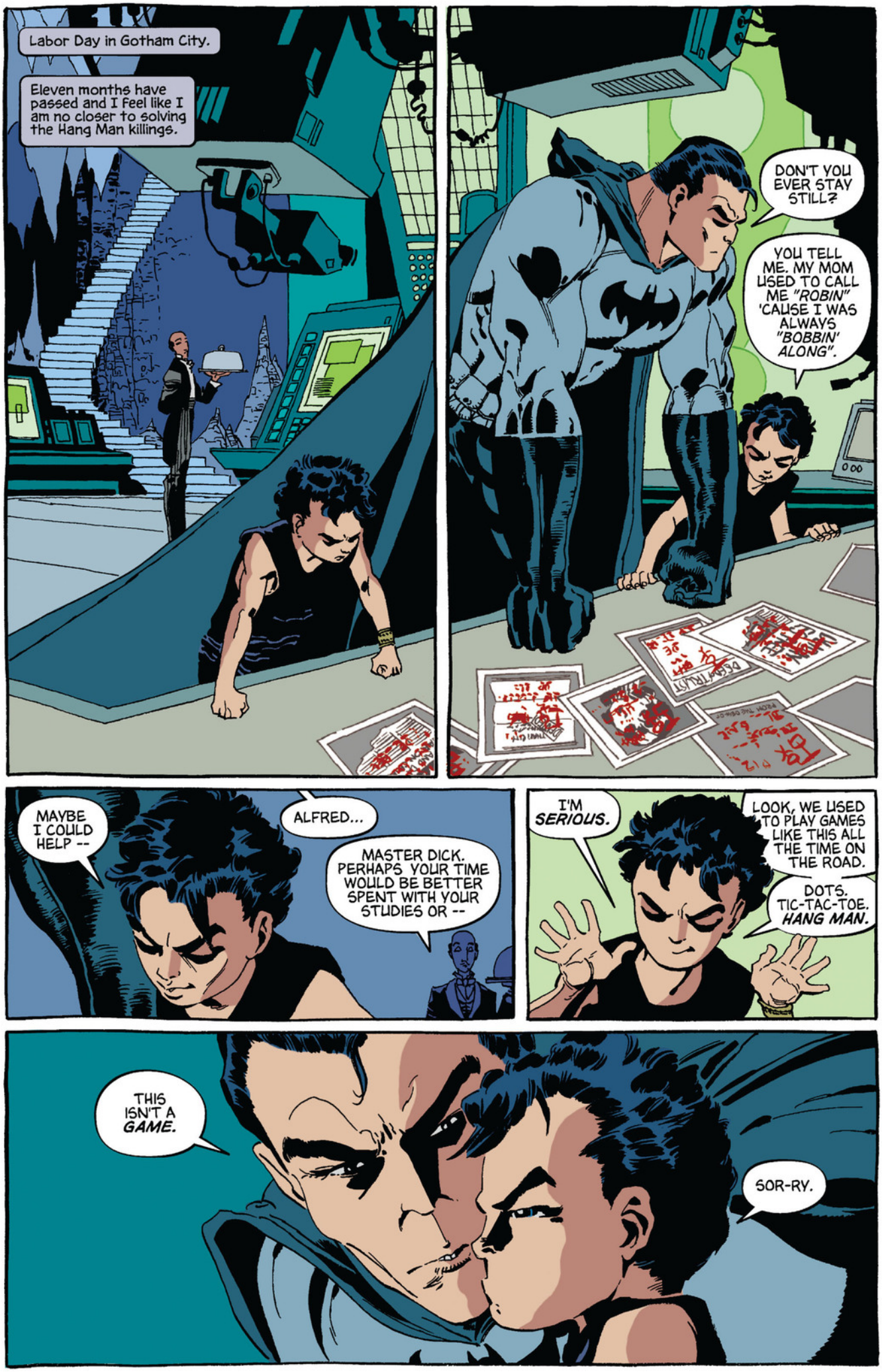
THE ENTIRE HOUSE WAS WIRED. THAT'S HOW ALBERTO HEARD HIS "FATHER'S" VOICE.
THIS TOOK TIME. PLANNING. WALLS WERE OPENED FOR THE CALENDAR MAN TO WALK THROUGH.
THE HOUSE COULD'VE BEEN RIGGED BEFORE ALBERTO WAS EVEN SET FREE.
OH, GOD. TWO-FACE HAD PORTER SEE TO IT ALBERTO WAS SENT HERE.


AND THESE..?
CIGARETTES LACED WITH FEAR TOXIN.
SOMETHING THE SCARECROW COULD'VE PROVIDED.
I'M WILLING TO BELIEVE IT WAS THE SCARECROW -- BEING A FORMER PSYCHOLOGIST -- WHO DID ALBERTO'S PROFILE.
THAT'S WHY ALBERTO THOUGHT HE HEARD HIS FATHER.
IT'S WHAT HE FEARED THE MOST.

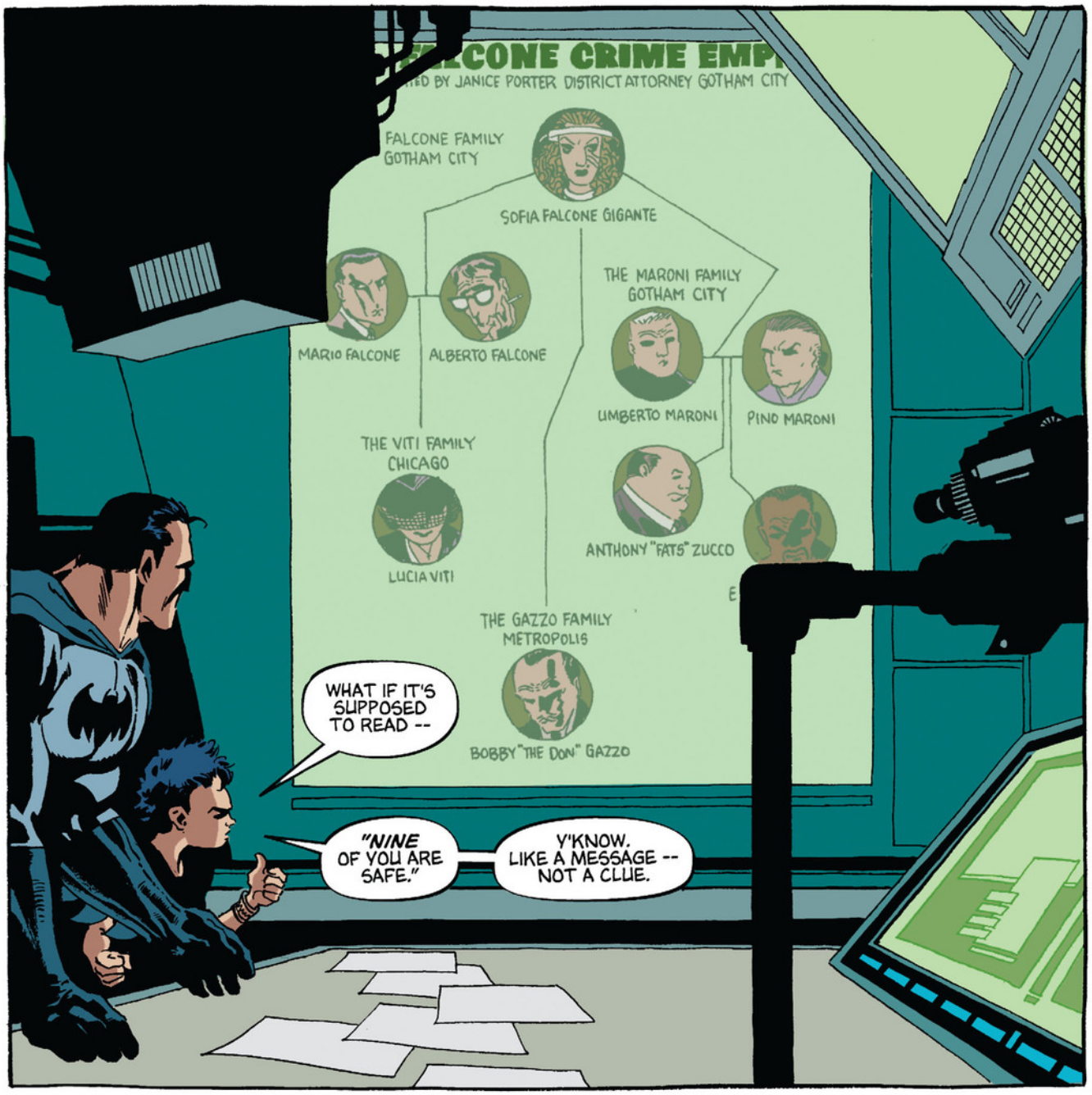
NO SIGN OF SOFIA. EITHER IN THE HOUSE OR ON THE GROUNDS.
WHAT WOULD HE WANT WITH HIS CRIPPLED SISTER..?


...PORTER...
TWO SHOTS FROM A .22. LIKE A HOLIDAY KILLING.
ALBERTO FALCONE KILLED HER.
DIFFICULT TO TELL. THERE'S A CHEMICAL IN HER BLOOD SYSTEM. IT CRYSTALLIZED THE ARTERIES -- PRESERVING HER.
THE SAME THING MR. FREEZE DID TO HIS WIFE.

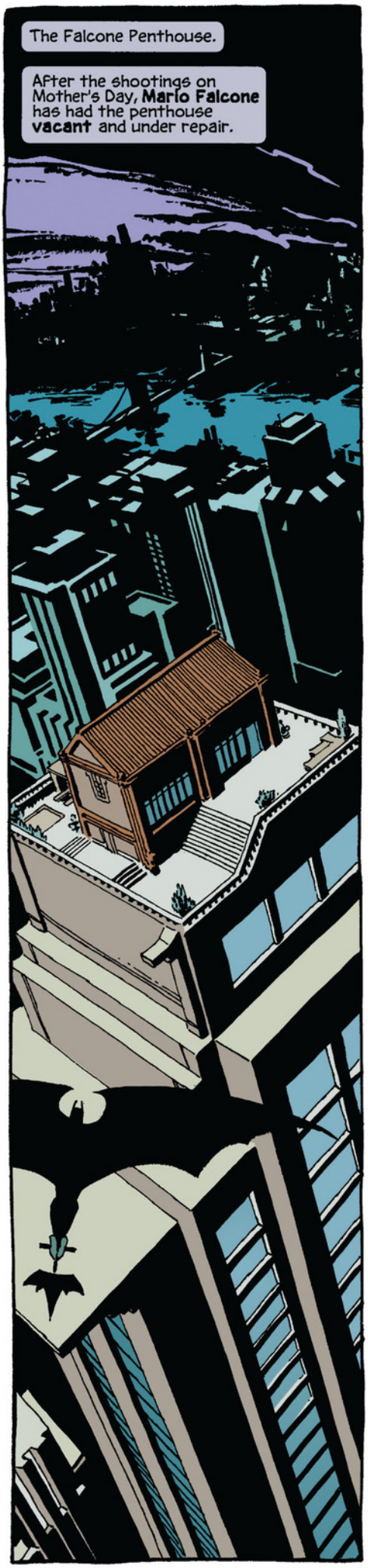
A CONSPIRACY.
AGAINST ONE MAN.
NOT JUST "A" MAN.
"HOLIDAY."

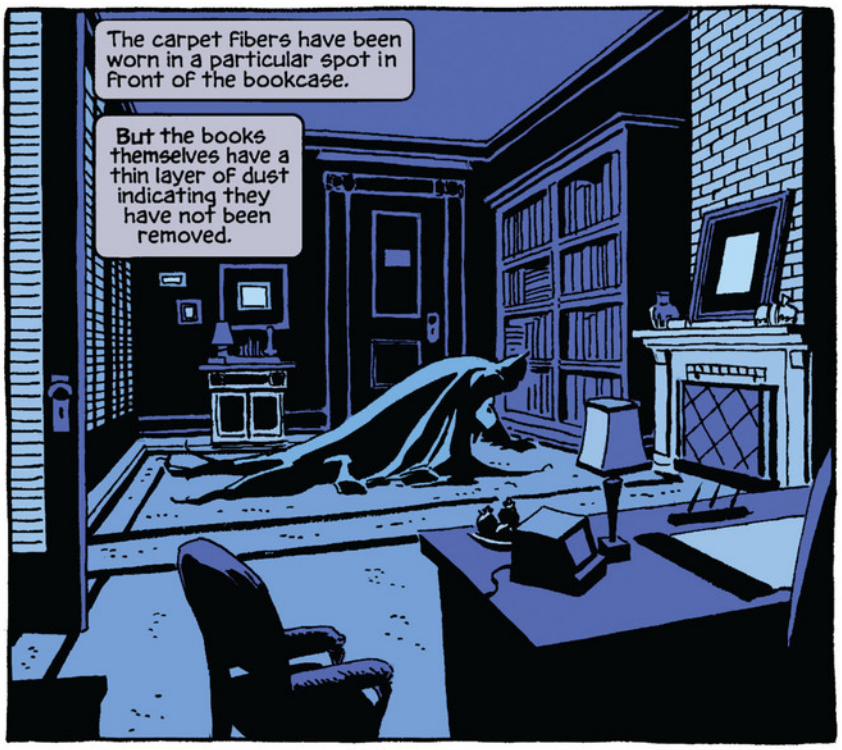

Labor Day in Gotham City.
Eleven months have passed and I feel like I am no closer to solving the Hang Man killings.
DON'T YOU EVER STAY STILL?
YOU TELL ME. MY MOM USED TO CALL ME "ROBIN" 'CAUSE I WAS ALWAYS "BOBBIN' ALONG".
MAYBE I COULD HELP --
ALFRED...
MASTER DICK. PERHAPS YOUR TIME WOULD BE BETTER SPENT WITH YOUR STUDIES OR --
I'M SERIOUS.
LOOK, WE USED TO PLAY GAMES LIKE THIS ALL THE TIME ON THE ROAD.
DOTS. TIC-TAC-TOE. HANG MAN.
THIS ISN'T A GAME.
SOR-RY.

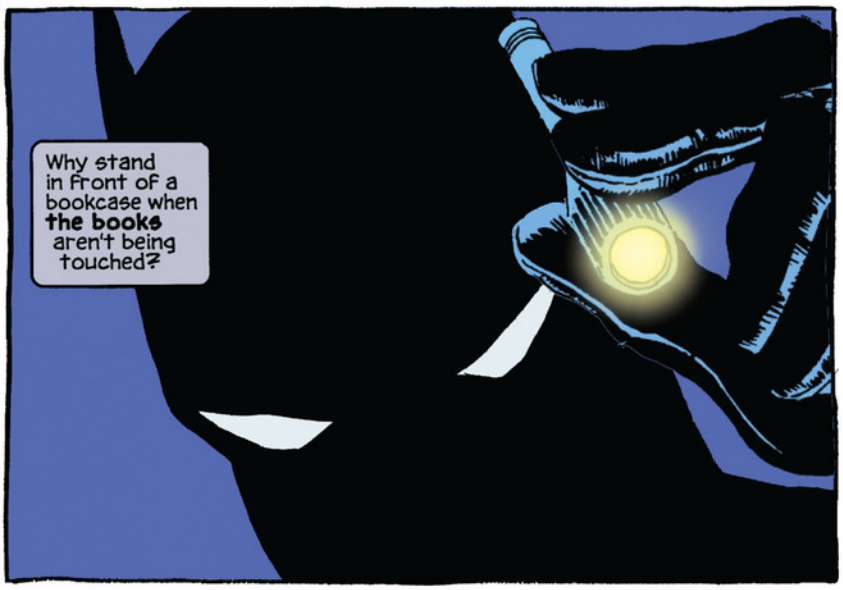
UM. HEY.
JUST LISTEN FOR TWO SECONDS, OKAY?
YOU SEE THIS FIRST NOTE?
"NONE OF YOU ARE SAFE."

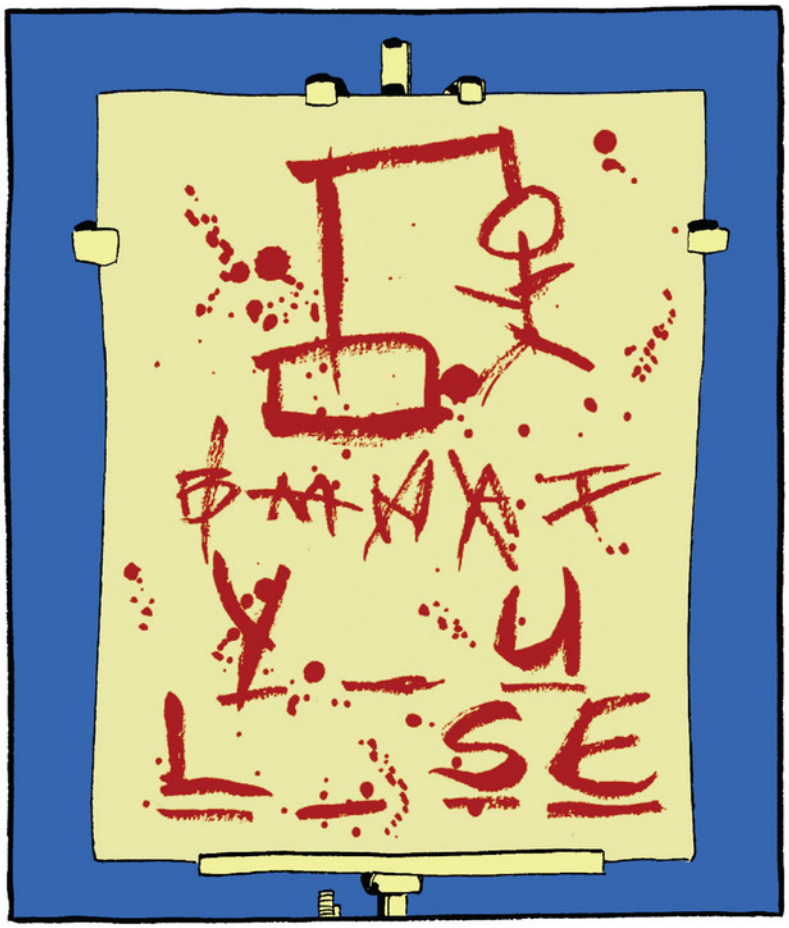

CONE CRIME EMP
ED BY JANICE PORTER DISTRICT ATTORNEY GOTHAM CITY
FALCONE FAMILY
GOTHAM CITY
SOFIA FALCONE GIGANTE
MARIO FALCONE
ALBERTO FALCONE
THE MARONI FAMILY
GOTHAM CITY
UMBERTO MARONI
PINO MARONI
THE VITI FAMILY
CHICAGO
LUCIA VITI
ANTHONY "FATS" ZUCCO
THE GAZZO FAMILY
METROPOLIS
BOBBY "THE DON" GAZZO
WHAT IF IT'S SUPPOSED TO READ --
"NINE OF YOU ARE SAFE."
Y'KNOW. LIKE A MESSAGE -- NOT A CLUE.

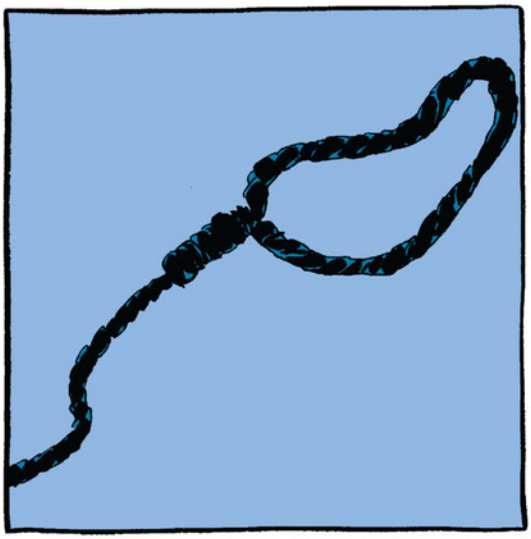
HUH? HUH? WHAT DO YOU THINK?
The boy... shows promise.


The Falcone Penthouse.
After the shootings on Mother's Day, **Mario Falcone** has had the penthouse **vacant** and under repair.


The carpet fibers have been worn in a particular spot in front of the bookcase.
But the books themselves have a thin layer of dust indicating they have not been removed.


Why stand in front of a bookcase when **the books** aren't being touched?





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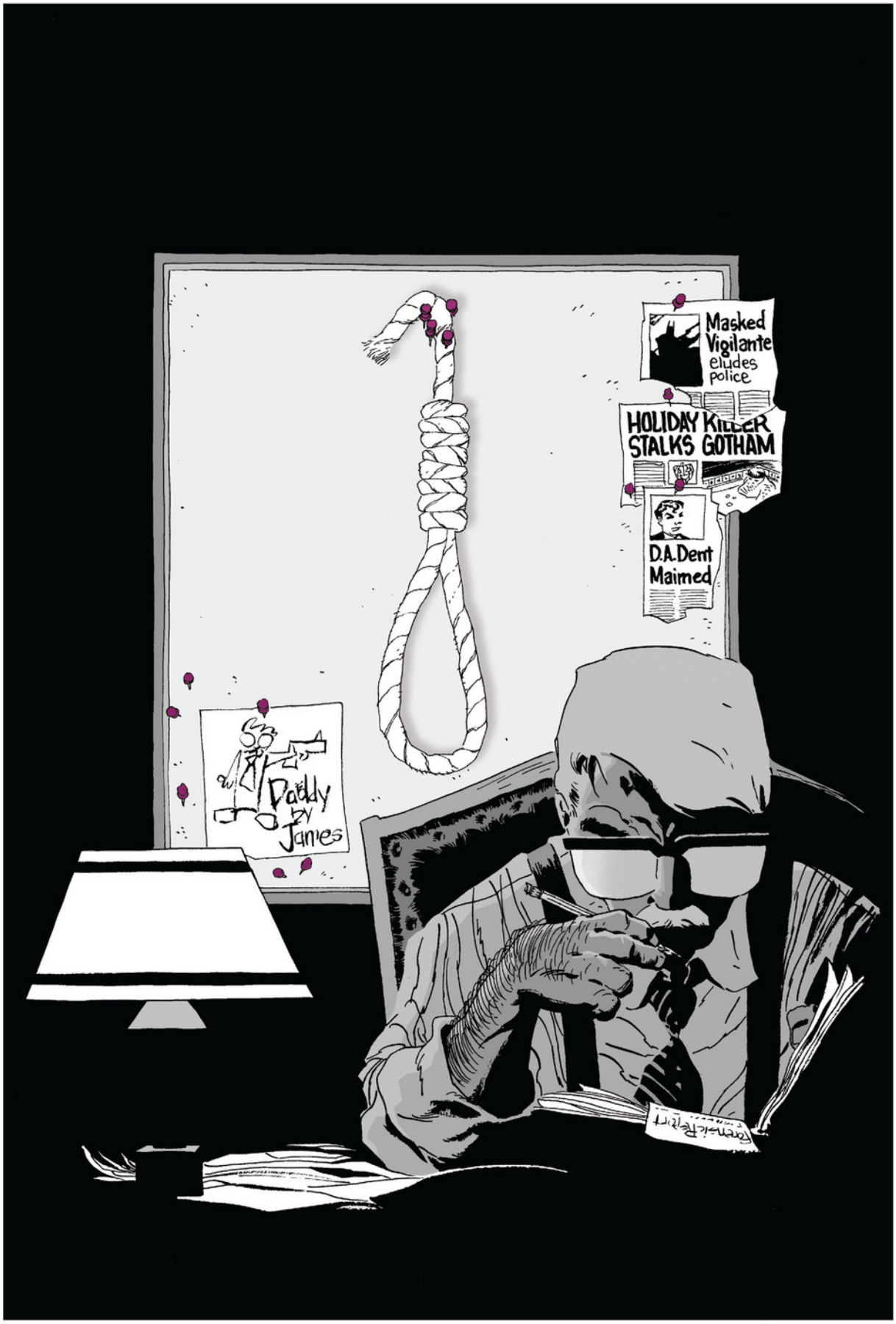
Careless.
WELL.
WELL.
WELL.

LOOK WHAT THE CAT DRAGGED IN.
LOEB SALE ZK


Masked Vigilante eludes police
HOLIDAY KILLER STALKS GOTHAM
D.A. Dent Maimed
Daddy by James